



Newport News Public School District

Environmental Education

- **Description:**
 - Facilitation of 'green teams' of administrators, instructional supervisors, and teachers, collaboration with city strategic manager to implement Earth Week, environmental literacy challenge proposed by Governor McAuliffe, and standing position on the committees selecting schools for solar panels and groundwater green infrastructure projects
- **Future Plans:**
 - Attend already active green team club meetings
 - Create a strategic plan for the district
 - Update policies
 - Perform energy audits
 - Read environmentally centered books to school age children
 - Speak at requested events about energy consumption and conservation

School Green Space Project

- **Description:**
 - The School Green Space Project goal is to revitalize the outdoor spaces at NNPS. The program is currently in the pilot year with a project at Crittenden Middle School, and is looking towards expansion. The concepts which may be included in the project plans include rain barrels, native plants, learning stations, and outdoor seating for students. The expected impact is to turn the existing outdoor courtyards into a more useable, environmentally functional, and educationally inspiring area through the collaboration between partners.

Other Future Commitments:

- School division wide reduction of electricity and water by implementing Energy Awareness Education for faculty, staff, and students and tracking and monitoring utilities monthly.
- Assign an Energy Liaison volunteer within each school from the faculty or staff to observe and monitor in-house resource usage and habits.
- Green Teams of student clubs within each school where the focus of the meetings will be to teach the students about sustainability and conservation promoting environmental stewardship and members will be in-house resource monitors assisting the liaison
- The District Energy Educator will meet with liaisons to discuss energy saving measurements and suggestion while also providing necessary direction and resources for the Green Team facilitators.